

REBEL CAMP
FEARFUL FOR
VILLA'S ARMY

Wounded at Chihuahua
Tell Horrible Details
of Six Days' Battle.

VANGUARD IN A TRAP

Reported Leader of 12,000
Force Received Slight In-
juries and Had to Retire.

Juarez, Mexico, March 30.—There were no reports from Villa this morning, and it is assumed that fighting at Torreón continues.

El Paso, Texas, March 30.—Villa's army, if not defeated at Torreón, is having a desperate uphill fight. This opinion is based on the absence of advices from impartial observers at the front, statements of the Mexican federal forces from Chihuahua and other Mexican cities. According to the federal consul at Eagle Pass, Texas, rebels were drawn into a bull ring trap yesterday and mines exploded under them.

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 30.—Today constitutionalist sympathizers and rebel officers in Chihuahua were again most anxious as to the fate of General Villa and the remnants of the 12,000 men who marched on Torreón to engage in the revolution's first decisive battle. There has been no news of Villa's progress for many hours and army officers here fear the rebel forces are in a most dangerous situation. Reports that heavy reinforcements are being rushed to relieve Federal Commander Velasco were received here with misgivings.

For seven days Villa raged a battle against Torreón. For six days the fight was the bitterest and the loss of life the most tremendous in the history of Mexico, judging from dispatches from the front and stories told by some of the 588 wounded in hospitals here. According to the wounded the rebel vanguard ran into a trap at Gomez Palacio which cost them dearly in men and ammunition.

A report originated at one of the hospitals after more wounded arrived in Chihuahua that General Villa had been wounded slightly and forced to retire from the front.

Sees Villa Wounded.
This report was based on the word of a wounded soldier, who insisted he had seen Villa wounded. He declared that for moral effect the news was withheld from the ranks of the rebel army.

Wounded rebel soldiers continued to arrive by train, bringing the number in the city to 588. Several hundred other wounded were provided for at Jimenez, and batches of wounded were distributed at Parral and Santa Rosa.

This evidence of the sanguinary conflict at Torreón, with the suggestion that the list of dead on the rebel side necessarily would be great, tended to make rebel headquarters reticent about the progress of the battle.

Federals Mow Down Rebels.
A German military observer who arrived from the front said:
"The federal army lured us right into Gomez Palacio, a suburb north of Torreón, before they opened fire. Then they let loose such a hail of rifle and machine gunshots as would have demoralized an ordinary Mexican army."

The men fell by the score.
"One cotton bale platform by the railroad tracks was so covered with dead rebels that a man could not walk across it without stepping on a body."

"General Villa had such a large army that he felt he could sacrifice many men to get a foothold in the town."

"Almost the whole Zaragoza brigade under General Aguirre Benavides was thus wiped out."

The observer added that he believed General Benavides escaped death.

"The shock and surprise to the rebel troops, who had expected to scare the generals and walk into Torreón with little fighting," he said in conclusion, "resulted in a temporary withdrawal. Three or four days of fighting up to the time I left, failed to bring any results."

Americans Released.
Washington, D. C., March 30.—Dr. Lambert, an American physician arrested by Mexican authorities at Los Mochis after a constitutionalist officer on whom he had operated died, has been released.

Charge O'Shaughnessy reported that three Americans, Goldschmidt, Donahue and Grosshwaite, charged with aiding rebels, had been freed by Higuera.

Keokuk Bootlegging Ends.
Keokuk, Iowa, March 29.—All bootlegging and gambling houses in Keokuk were closed today on orders from the attorney general at Des Moines.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday. Probably showers. Not much change in temperature. Moderate winds.

Highest temperature yesterday, 59. Lowest temperature last night, 38. Temperature at 7 a. m., 38.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., seven miles per hour.

Precipitation in last 24 hours, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 91 per cent; at 7 a. m., 96 per cent.

River stage at 7 a. m., 4.1 feet, with a rise of .8 foot in the last 48 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Jupiter, Mercury. First magnitude double star Sirius, constellation Canis Major, sets south-west about 11 p. m.

MOB ATTACK FOR
CREW OF A TRAIN

Strike on Monongahela Division
of Pennsylvania Road Is
Becoming Serious

Fredrickstown, Pa., March 30.—A mob of 500 today attacked a freight crew on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad with stones and fired several shots. No one was hurt. The crew was rescued by police.

It was reported that leaders of the United Mine Workers of Uniontown had decided to call out 6,000 miners in the mines which supplied the Pennsylvania engines until the strike on the Monongahela division is settled.

SOCIALISTS WAGE
FIGHT TO CONTROL

Citizens Nominate Non-Partisan
Ticket in Effort to Defeat
Party Plan.

Burlington, Iowa, March 30.—Socialism is making a bitter fight for supremacy in the city elections today, when a mayor and four councilmen will be chosen. There are three socialist candidates. Republicans and democrats joined in nominating a non-partisan ticket in an effort to defeat the plan of the socialists to gain control of the city administration.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 30.—It is predicted in official circles that the largest total ballots since the commission form of government became effective will be cast when the polls of the municipal election are closed tonight. Activity of women in connection with the proposition for municipal ownership of the waterworks was the distinctive feature. Under the new law women are permitted to ballot on bond questions. Mayor Hanna's candidate for reelection, is opposed by Zell R. Roe, former police commissioner. Four commissioners will be chosen.

Five Drown in Bridge Collapse.
Fresno, Cal., March 30.—By the breaking of a suspension bridge across the San Joaquin river Saturday night four men and one woman, crossing in an automobile, were plunged 50 feet into the swiftly flowing mountain stream and drowned. The occupants of the machine included L. N. Pearl, general superintendent of the San Joaquin Light and Power corporation, and J. E. Burgess, assistant superintendent.

Woman Disinherits Her Son.
St. Louis, March 30.—Mrs. M. H. Curtis, wealthy widow of Glendale, St. Louis county, has disinherited her son, Robert Hunkie, 18 years old, because he eloped Wednesday to St. Charles with Miss Myrtle E. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris of Chicago. The girl, who formerly lived in Glendale, is 16 years old. Mrs. Curtis had warned marriage license clerks not to issue a license to the couple, but they outwitted her by going to St. Charles, which she had overlooked.

Fear Lynching of Kidnaper.
Gilbert, Minn., March 30.—A man giving his name as Frank Dendean, charged with kidnapping the 4-year-old daughter of Victor Johnson, was removed to the jail at Virginia under heavy guard because of the hostile attitude of a rapidly growing crowd about the local jail.

Tilden's Birthplace Burns.
Pittsfield, Mass., March 30.—The little white house in which Samuel J. Tilden was born at Nek Lebanon, N. Y., 100 years ago last month, was burned early Sunday. The house was built in 1789 by his father, Elam Tilden. Several suspicious fires have occurred in New Lebanon the last year and a fire bug is believed to be at work there.

Mrs. Palmer Asks Help.
Chicago, Ill., March 30.—A conference of prominent men and women of the city has been called by Mrs. Potter Palmer for the purpose of deciding for immediate disposition of the much-discussed \$67,000 world's fair fund which has been in her custody.

PICK JUSSERAND
FOR LONDON POST

Washington, D. C., March 30.—A rumor has been widely circulated to the effect that French Ambassador Jusserand may be transferred to London. It is understood his government desires to advance him to another important post owing to his large service here. His wife is an American.

HOLDS PARTY
IS NOT BOUND
BY PLATFORM

President Cites Contra-
dictory Planks on Pana-
ma Tolls Question.

EXEMPTION IS SUBSIDY

Free Passage to American Ship-
ping Not Democratic Policy
Says Wilson.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Representative Doremus, democrat, Michigan, led off the fight on repealing Panama tolls exemption today, the third day of the debate. He regretted that he differed with the president and declared Great Britain had admitted the American right to exempt its coastwise trade from tolls.

From an invalid chair in the house L'Engle, democrat of Florida, made a vigorous speech opposing repeal and denouncing the attitude of Great Britain.

Representative Hamilton, Michigan, republican, vigorously defended the president's course.

Lewis, democrat, in the senate, urged his resolution to give the president discretion to suspend the tolls.

President Wilson declared that on account of contradictory statements in the Baltimore platform democrats should have no hesitation in voting for repeal of Panama canal tolls exemption. The president emphatically characterized exemption as subsidy. He pointed out one plank of the Baltimore platform that expressed opposition to any subsidy, while another declared for tolls exemption. The president asserted there should be no doubt among democrats as to which should take precedence.

Not Democrat Policy.

The president reiterated that exemption never was the policy of the democratic house, because it was passed through a coalition of republicans and minority democrats, the majority democrats voting against it on the ground it was subsidy. Wilson said the story that he had entered a bargain with Great Britain was one of a number of insults introduced in the congressional debate. He had no anxiety over the political fortunes of the democratic party over the result and referred to repeal as "not" a capital operation, but just as "consequence." He unqualifiedly opposed any compromise or amendment.

COMPANY A IS TO
CAMP IN AUGUST

As Part of Sixth Regiment Local
Militiamen Will Spend Six
Days at Capital.

(Special to The Argus.)
Springfield, Ill., March 30.—Adjutant General Dickson today announced the dates for the annual tour of duty of the Illinois National Guard. The first cavalry and the signal corps, together with Company A, signal corps, United States army, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will have a practice march out of Chicago along the Des Plaines river, starting July 3 and returning July 12. The other companies, except the artillery battalions, will be encamped at Camp Lincoln, Springfield, as follows:

First infantry—July 5 to July 10.
Second infantry—July 12 to July 19.
Third infantry—July 26 to Aug. 2.

Fourth infantry—Aug. 2 to Aug. 9.
Fifth infantry—Aug. 9 to Aug. 16.
Sixth infantry—Aug. 16 to Aug. 23.

Seventh infantry—Aug. 23 to Aug. 30.
Adjutant General Dickson is considering with the war department the encampment of the artillery battalions at Ft. Riley, Kan.

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Suffrage Parades May 2.
Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Suffrage parades in every city in the state on May 2 are planned by leaders of the celebration.

SHOVED OFF



News Item—National League called a trust by Howard Camnitz, former baseball pitcher.

SUF CONFERENCE
ON IN DES MOINES

Some of Most Prominent Leaders
in Movement Attending
Annual Meeting.

Des Moines, March 30.—The Mississippi Valley Suffrage conference opened its third annual meeting with several hundred women suffragists, including some of the most prominent leaders of the movement in attendance. The conference was presided over by Miss Harriet Grimm of Burlington, Wis. On today's program were Mrs. Ella McHose, Boone, Iowa and Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs, Washington. The municipal election today is voting on a proposition for municipal ownership of the city waterworks. Many of the visitors aided their co-workers in getting out the women vote.

GUNMEN IN PLEA
FOR THEIR LIVES

Attorneys for Rosenthal Slay-
ers, Condemned to Die,
Before Governor

New York, March 30.—Bearing a petition signed by ten or the twelve jurors in the case, and containing in addition documentary matter and a prayer of the four gunmen condemned to die April 13 for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, counsel left for Albany to ask the governor for a stay of execution. The gunmen request first, that the death sentence be changed to imprisonment, and second, that a reprieve be granted "until after final determination of the indictment," against former Police Lieutenant Becker.

Y. M. C. A. CIRCUS
WILL BE A TREAT

First Performance to Be Given
Tonight—Surprises in
Store for Guests.

Everything is in readiness for the big indoor circus, to be held tonight and tomorrow at the Y. M. C. A. Attractive lemonade and popcorn stands have been erected in the lobby to add flavor to the occasion. All of the actors have been faithfully rehearsing for the big event, and the ringmaster announces that all details have been perfectly arranged. The program follows:

EPISODE I.
Grand Entrance—Our sumptuous \$1,000,000 spectacle of oriental opulence and medieval magnificence, introducing the entire company.

EPISODE II.
Biffo-Bang—A barrel of fun, with soft gloves.

EPISODE III.
Welcome to Our Show—The "How-

Do-You-Do-Step," by the Preparatory Boys' class.

EPISODE IV.
"Ducks and Drakes"—A hunting scene, by members of the Rock Island Rod and Rifle club.

EPISODE V.
"The Trooping of the Colors"—A grand patriotic demonstration, by members of the Older Boys' class.

EPISODE VI.
"The Troublesome Laundry"—An international complication, by Hop Sam Sing and his company of ground and lofty tumblers.

EPISODE VII.
"The Lark of the Lightning Bugs"—By Prof. I. C. Swinger. (Spectators are requested to retain their self-possession and their seats when the lights go out.)

EPISODE VIII.
"The Tramp of the Trained Clowns"—A funnyshow show almost human intelligence.

EPISODE IX.
"The Galaxy of Garlands"—An artistic study in the harmony of colors and the poetry of motion by members of the High School and Younger Young Men's classes.

EPISODE X.
"After the Ball"—A baseball interlude, by Christy Tinker Cobb.

EPISODE XI.
"The Tarantella"—A light, fantastic frolic, by the seniors.

EPISODE XII.
"The Noise Makers"—A premature Fourth of July celebration.

EPISODE XIII.
Spectacular Revival of Olympic Games and Royal Roman Hippodrome.—By the Employed Boys' class.

EPISODE XIV.
"Stepp and Trippitt"—Sensational acrobatic dancers, in their latest eccentric Parisian novelty, "The Cement Walk."

EPISODE XV.
"Between the Bars"—A gymnastic diversion by the senior leaders.

EPISODE XVI.
Monsieur La France—The world renowned bare back rider, in a thrilling equestrian exhibition, showing the marvelous power of the human intelligence over animal instinct.

EPISODE XVII.
"Noah's Ark"—A mysterious manipulation. Now you see it and now you don't. By the great European impostor, A. Pretender.

EPISODE XVIII.
"Pyramidal Posers"—An aerial achievement b y lads on ladders, by the seniors.

EPISODE XIX.
"The Battle of Vanilla Bay"—A realistic reproduction of this historic conflict, extravagantly staged, regardless of cost.

(Note.—The audience is requested not to mix in the fight.)

Steel Cars Derailed; No One Hurt.
Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Five steel sleeping cars on a Burlington east-bound express, Denver to Chicago, were derailed near the city limits. None of the passengers was injured. An open switch was the cause.

O'Donnell Surrenders.
Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Edward O'Donnell, charged with killing Peter DeRock, last of the squatter North shore fishermen, surrendered today.

Cars Collide; Nine Hurt.
Chicago, Ill., March 30.—Two trolley cars loaded with passengers going to work, collided at a west side crossing. Nine were seriously injured.

ASQUITH NOW
IS WAR CHIEF
FOR ENGLAND

Premier Assumes Office
When Resignation of
Seely is Accepted.

TO MEET AN EMERGENCY

Announcement Causes Profound
Sensation in House of Com-
mons—Approved by King.

London, England, March 30.—Colonel Seely, secretary of war, resigned from the British cabinet today and the resignation was accepted.

Premier Asquith himself decided to take the secretaryship of war in place of Colonel Seely.

John French, chief of the imperial general staff of the British army and Sir John Ewart, adjutant general to the forces, definitely resigned from the service today.

"Seely's resignation has been accepted," was the euphemistic expression by Premier Asquith announcing in the commons today that the war secretary had paid the penalty for the discretion in adding to a cabinet document two paragraphs which aroused such feeling as threatened the existence of the entire cabinet. The paragraphs were those giving guarantees to Brig. Gen. Gough and officers under him in Ireland, that they would not be called upon for active service against the Ulster unionists.

Taken as Rebuff.
After repudiation of these guarantees by the cabinet was taken as a rebuff by Field Marshal French and Adjutant General Ewart. These two generals immediately resigned. Their resignations were made definite today.

Asquith's further announcement that he himself would take the portfolio of war came in the nature of a surprise. He declared he would retire from the house of commons, "until it pleases my constituency to sanction my return." The premier then dramatically walked out of the chamber amid frantic cheers of liberals, nationalists and labor members, all whom rose and waved handkerchiefs and papers.

Asquith, having accepted an "office of profit under the crown," must return to the constituency in Scotland for reelection. The chamber was crowded when Asquith made his promised statement in the army crisis. He said that French, Ewart and Seely persisted in their desire to be relieved of their offices. In the public interest he deeply deplored the action of the officers. "I cannot speak too gratefully of the ability and loyalty with which the have served the state and army, and will, I hope, continue to serve."

Members Dumbfounded.

Then he sprang the sensation: "It is the circumstances I have felt it my duty to assume the office of secretary of war, although I have taken the step with the greatest reluctance in what I believe to be a great public emergency." The announcement was a complete surprise on every hand. Members of the ministerial side momentarily were struck dumb. They jumped on their seats and broke out in wild hurrahs.

The premier announced that French and Ewart had asked him to say that they were in entire accord with Asquith's statement in the house Friday. The premier said King George approved of his assumption of the war office.

Will Take One Salary.
Asquith decided to take only one salary as premier and secretary of war. In his speech Seely said: "Grave issues have been raised which may mean that the whole army system may be recast." Ministerial cheers greeted the remark. The resignation of Viscount Morely as president of the council is generally expected. He was associated with Seely in drawing up the offending paragraphs of the memorandum to officers.

Lloyd George, chancellor and exchequer, is ill. He was unable to participate in the critical discussion in the house of commons today on the situation brought about by the resignations of army officers in Ulster. His debating power is regarded as a great asset by the government.

Secretary Grey in Denial.

London, England, March 30.—In commons today Foreign Secretary Grey denied published allegations that the action of President Wilson in regard to Panama tolls was the result of an understanding between the two governments regarding Mexico.

Court Upholds Hines.

Jackson, Miss., March 30.—The supreme court upheld the contentions of the Edward Hines Lumber company of Chicago involving \$15,000,000 worth of timber lands in Mississippi.

RAILROADS CLAIM
\$51,000,000 LOSS

Eastern Line Give Figures to
Support Request for an In-
crease in Rates

Washington, D. C., March 30.—A decrease in the net operating income of \$51,000,000, or 22.5 per cent, of eastern railroads, was described in a statement submitted to the interstate commission at the resumption hearings today in the advanced rate case, covering a period of seven months ended Jan. 31 last, compared with the corresponding period last year. The statement was presented in behalf of the railroads by General Counsel Patterson, for the Pennsylvania railroad, who advised the commission that the figures had been tabulated from reports made to the commission by the roads. Chairman Thorne of the Iowa railroad commission, representing eight western states in opposition to the proposed advance in rates, presented a synopsis of his recent testimony before the commission. He maintained that the contest was between carriers and shippers and any horizontal increase of rates would be unjustified.

PUPIL CONFESSES
SLAYING TEACHER

Lydia Beeches, Found Murdered
in East, Killed by Boy She
Had Expelled.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 30.—According to District Attorney Farrell, Jean Glinina confessed he murdered Miss Lydia Beecher, a high school teacher, near Poland, because she wanted to turn back after they had gone part of the way to his home to see his parents in regard to his reinstatement to school, from which he had been expelled by Miss Beecher. He felt her with a wrench, stabbed her several times, dragged her body into the bushes and went home.

Cronin Gets a Year.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 30.—Joseph Cronin today was sentenced to a year in the workhouse and fined \$500 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, charged with luring from Chicago to Cleveland by another man for whom the police are searching.

Prominent Woman Burned.
Des Moines, Iowa, March 30.—Mrs. F. C. Hubbell, prominent socially, was fatally burned and her residence badly damaged by fire today.

SHARP QUAKE IS
FELT IN TUCSON

Tucson, Ariz., March 30.—Records as sharp as that made by the tremor that shook a portion of California in 1903 were made by the seismograph at the Federal observatory here at 8 last night.